

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

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1. (Currently Amended) A function appending method for a digital camera which records image data by converting an image pickup light photoelectrically, comprising the steps of:

selecting program installing at the digital camera;

waiting for a program transmitting command from the external recording medium;

receiving the program transmitting command from the external recording medium;

transmitting a request-to-send program command to the external recording medium;

receiving a program recorded on ~~an~~ the external recording medium
connected to the digital camera exchangeably;
storing the program into a recording medium provided in the digital camera;
~~writing a write inhibit flag into a directory of the recording medium after the program is~~
~~written into the recording medium;~~

reading ~~out~~ the program from the recording medium in the digital medium at a desired time; and

executing the program.

2. (Currently Amended) A function appending method for a digital camera which records image data by converting an image pickup light photoelectrically, comprising the steps of:

selecting program installing at the digital camera;

waiting for a program transmitting command from the external recording medium;

receiving the program transmitting command from the external recording medium;

transmitting a request-to-send program command to the external recording medium;

receiving a program recorded on ~~an~~ the external recording medium and

sent therefrom via a communication line,

storing the program into a recording medium provided in the digital camera;

~~writing a write inhibit flag into a directory of the recording medium after the program is written into the recording medium;~~

reading ~~out~~ the program from the recording medium in the digital medium at a desired time; and

executing the program.

3. (Currently Amended) The function appending method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising the step of: deleting a desired program from recording medium in the digital camera, ~~wherein the write inhibit flag of the desired program is replaced with a write enable flag.~~

4. (Currently Amended) The function appending method as set forth in claim 2, further comprising the step of: deleting a desired program from recording medium in the digital camera, ~~wherein the write inhibit flag of the desired program is replaced with a write enable flag.~~

5. (Original) The function appending method as set forth in claim 1, wherein the program is a print image data generating program.

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6. (Original) The function appending method as set forth in claim 2, wherein the program is a print image data generating program.

7. (Original) The function appending method as set forth in claim 1, wherein the program is a communication program.

8. (Original) The function appending method as set forth in claim 2, wherein the program is a communication program.

9 (Original) The function appending method as set forth in claim 1, wherein the image data is recorded on the recording medium in the digital camera.

10 (Original) The function appending method as set forth in claim 2, wherein the image data is recorded on the recording medium in the digital camera.

11 (Currently Amended) A digital camera for recording image data by converting an image pickup light photoelectrically, comprising:

external program reception means with a program installing function, for waiting for a program transmitting command from an external recording medium, receiving the program

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transmitting command from the external recording medium, transmitting a request-to-send
program command to the external recording medium, receiving a program recorded on-an the
external recording medium, which is connected thereto exchangeably, and storing to-store the
program into a recording medium provided in the digital camera therein; and

execution control means for reading the program from the recording medium at a desired
time to execute the read out program;

~~wherein the external program reception means writes a write inhibit flag into a directory
of the recording medium after the program is written into the recording medium.~~

12. (Currently Amended) A digital camera for recording image data by converting an
image pickup light photoelectrically, comprising:

external program reception means with a program installing function, for waiting for a
program transmitting command from the external recording medium, receiving the program
transmitting command from the external recording medium, transmitting a request-to send
program command to the external recording medium, receiving a program recorded on-an the
external recording medium and sent therefrom via a communication line, and storing to-store the
program into a recording medium provided in the digital camera therein; and

execution control means for reading ~~out~~ the program from the recording medium at a
desired time to execute the read out program;

~~wherein the external program reception means writes a write inhibit flag into a directory
of the recording medium after the program is written into the recording medium.~~

13. (Currently Amended) The digital camera as set forth in claim 11, further comprising:

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program deleting means for deleting a desired program from the recording medium provided therein, and

~~wherein the program deleting means replaces the write inhibit flag of the desired program with a write enable flag.~~

14. (Currently Amended) The digital camera as set forth in claim 12, further comprising:

program deleting means for deleting a desired program from the recording medium provided therein, and

~~wherein the program deleting means replaces the write inhibit flag of the desired program with a write enable flag.~~

15. (Original) The digital camera as set forth in claim 11, wherein the program is a program for generating print image data, and further comprising:

print data transmitting means for transmitting the print image data generated by executing the program to a printing device.

16. (Original) The digital camera as set forth in claim 12, wherein the program is a program for generating print image data, and further comprising:

print data transmitting means for transmitting the print image data

generated by executing the program to a printing device.

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17. (Original) The digital camera as set forth in claim 11, wherein the program is a communication program for communicating data with a terminal device connected to the communication line.

18. (Original) The digital camera as set forth in claim 12, wherein the program is a communication program for communicating data with a terminal device connected to the communication line.

19. (Original) The digital camera as set forth in claim 11, wherein the image data is recorded onto the recording medium provided therein.

20. (Original) The digital camera as set forth in claim 12, wherein the image data is recorded onto the recording medium provided therein.

21. (Previously Presented) The function appending method as set forth in claim 1, wherein the recording medium is a flash memory.

22. (Previously Presented) The function appending method as set forth in claim 2, wherein the recording medium is a flash memory.

23. (Previously Presented) The digital camera as set forth in claim 11, wherein the
recording medium is a flash memory.

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24. (Previously Presented) The digital camera as set forth in claim 12, wherein the
recording medium is a flash memory.
